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Ohio, Texas, Mexico Add New Probe Developments

Clay L. Shaw Will Be Arraigned Today

District Attorney Jim Garrison's probe of an alleged conspiracy to murder President John F. Kennedy saw new development Tuesday in Ohio, Texas and Mexico as well as New Orleans.

Meanwhile, Clay L. Shaw, only person arrested thus far for participating in the alleged conspiracy is to be arraigned Wednesday in the Criminal District Court of Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr.

In developments Tuesday:

—Gordon Novel walked out of jail in Columbus, Ohio, casting fresh mystery on his role in the probe, after having posted a $10,000 bond. The 29-year-old Novel had been arrested on a fugitive charge.

—In Dallas, Tex., where President Kennedy was assassinated, Sergio Arcacha Smith, 44-year-old former New Orleans anti-Castro leader, asserted "Garrison hasn't got anything."

—In Mexico City, New Orleans oilman Joseph M. Rault Jr., a leader of Garrison's fund-raising "Truth and Consequences" organization, leveled a blast at U. S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, asserting he was hampering Garrison's conspiracy investigation.

—Locally, the star witness in Garrison's case, Perry Raymond Russo, and Mrs. Jeff Hug, former secretary for Shaw, both visited Garrison's office.

ANOTHER MATTER

Russo testified last month during a preliminary hearing for Shaw that he saw Shaw, David W. Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald in mid-September 1963 plot to kill Kennedy. Russo told reporters on Tuesday, "I'm here on another matter entirely." He arrived about 1:30 p. m.

Mrs. Hug, who was Shaw's former secretary at International Trade Mart, appeared with her attorney James Gelpi. Arriving about 1 p. m. and remaining in the DA's office about an hour, Gelpi said: "I wish for my client's sake I could tell you what she's here for, but I believe it would be a violation of Judge Haggerty's order."

He referred to guidelines set by the judge ordering those connected with the case not to discuss it.

In a separate development Tuesday, Asst. DA James Alcock criticized Shaw and his attorneys for making statements Monday night at a press conference, saying he believes they were contrary to Judge Haggerty's order.

ATTORNEY'S HOME

The press conference was held at the home of Edward F. Wegmann, one of Shaw's attorneys.

"I'm really surprised that (defense attorney) Irvin Dymond would allow his client to say things like that."

Alcock referred specifically to statements by Shaw that he believed he would be proven innocent of the charge that he participated in a conspiracy to murder Kennedy.

"This seems to me," said Alcock, "to be a statement reflecting on his (Shaw's) guilt or innocence."

Judge Haggerty, however, said that as far as he was aware Shaw and his attorneys followed his orders.

Novel and Arcacha Smith have both been arrested on charges that they conspired with Ferrie to burglarize a Houma munitions dump in 1961. Smith had been free on $1,500 bail.

BOND POSTED

Novel's release came when a professional bondsman put up the $10,000 to free him on the fugitive charge.

Following his release, he repeated his insistence that he once worked for Garrison in connection with the case.

While declining to go into specific details about his work, he said he used the code name "Alexander" and "electronics was my field."

He was arrested Saturday in suburban Gahanna and was jailed in Columbus, Ohio.

Accompanied by his Columbus lawyer, Jerry Weiner, they both said they would fight to prevent Novel's return to New Orleans. In addition to the conspiracy charge on the munitions burglary, Novel is also listed in a warrant naming him as a material witness in the assassination case.

Novel said: "I'm going to tell my story when the time comes." His attorney added: "The first thing I want to do is hear the whole story myself."

At one point, referring to the munitions burglary, Novel said, "You will see that it was the most patriotic burglary in history." At another point, though, he responded to a specific question about the burglarly charge: "I don't know anything about any munitions plant.

Novel said he plans to stay in Columbus indefinitely.

Missing from the crowd of 50 or 60 newsman and spectators who watched Novel leave jail was Abby Mullican, a Columbus girl who has been identified as Novel's fiancee.

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is a one-time bunny at Chicago's Playboy Club.

Novel insisted Garrison "wants to make a name for himself" with the case.

"Jim Garrison is the greatest character assassin of all time. And I've got the stuff in here to prove it," he added referring to an attache case he carried.

LIE DETECTOR TEST

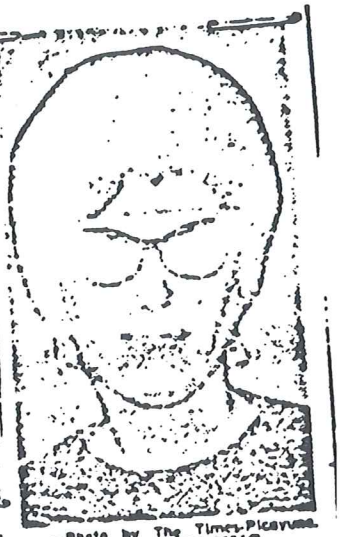
He refused to open the case and would say only that it contained a transcript of a lie detector test he took in McLean, Va.

Rault, who is in Mexico City attending a world oil congress, said the Federal Bureau of Investigation has new evidence on the assassination of Kennedy and could "solve" the case and refute the Warren Commission if it wished.

Atty. Gen. Clark told newsmen in Washington several weeks ago that the FBI had investigated Shaw and cleared him shortly after the President's assassination on Nov. 22, 1963.

Oswald, named by the Warren Commission as the lone assassin of Kennedy, was shot to death in Dallas on Nov. 24, 1963.

Ferrie, at whose apartment Russo says Shaw, Oswald and Ferrie met to plot the assassination, died last Feb. 22 a few days after news of Garrison's probe was disclosed.



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Visits DA's office.